

Invasive Species Strategic Management Plan Input from Lakes Conservation Partners Meeting 10/26/2018

Aquatic Invasive Species:

- Consider new staff roles with plan structure: WHIP, Land & Water staff, VCLRA, Tribe, others?
- A-7: Review strategic plan and revise as necessary – add “lake orgs” as an action step participant.
- Consider reliability of CBCW – interns are a major concern
- Focus on education for recreational boaters
- Objective A-3 Prevention add the following action: Attend annual training of paid and volunteer watercraft inspectors to help achieve a consistent message – Lake Orgs
- What are the timelines for completion of the objectives? In what form will the results be documented?
- Advocate for funding and deployment or construction of boat wash stations
- Engage a small group of acting local participants in AIS protection – including varying knowledge & experience representing all geographic areas of the county. Have those people draft a proposal.
- Add some measurable/quantifiable goals.
- Consider emphasis on: education; enforcement; & detections

Terrestrial Invasive Species:

- Is there a plan for Highway maintenance, town and county shops for oak wilt? Why do they do roadside maintenance in summer?
- Is there a plan in place for planting alternative native species for ash species?
- What is the plan for Emerald Ash borer – disposal of infected trees & containment?
- Is WHIP doing anything to regulate, protect wetlands through legislation?
- T3-4: Add WHIP partners and Hwy Dept? Adopt a Highway program.
- ? Include **town** road crews in education
- Has any research been done to assess the success of the WHIP program?
- More involvement with WHIP as funding has increased
- Info on oak wilt – education, prevention, management. It’s increasing and there is little awareness.
- T2-5: Remove Highway crews are not interested.
- Remember other county departments (Forestry?)

Wetland Invasive Species:

- What does DNR say with their plan?
- Email addressed needed for lake association presidents and website handlers to provide vital info to memberships of these associations.